

the businesses, schools and community organizations. Mr. Roth has proved himself one of these individuals again and again.

Richard Roth has a long and commendable history of serving Riverside County. Currently, he is a member of the Inland Empire Board of Directors for the Employer's Group, the civically minded Monday Morning Group and the Raincross Club. Additionally, in the past, he has selflessly served as Vice Chair of the Parkview Community Hospital Board, Vice Chair of the March Field Museum Foundation Board of Managers and member of the Board of Directors for the Volunteer Center of Riverside.

Richard Roth is a Managing Partner of the Riverside County law firm of Reid & Hellyer. He is also involved in the community as an adjunct instructor in Labor and Employment Law at the University of California at Riverside, Graduate School of Management and in the University Extension Division.

In addition to his private practice of law, Richard Roth is a Brigadier General in the United States Air Force Reserve. In this position, he presently serves as the Mobilization Assistant to the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Mobility Command and Reserve Advisor to the Chief Counsel, United States Transportation Command. In 1987, Richard Roth received the Reginald C. Harmon Trophy as the Air Force Outstanding Reserve Attorney and in 1992 he was named California Air Force Association Reserved Man of the Year.

Richard's outstanding accomplishments make me proud to call him my friend, community member, and fellow American. I thank him for his contribution to the betterment of the community and I look forward to continuing to work with him for the good of Riverside County.

#### RECOGNIZING MARC COTTA

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marc Cotta for his many years of service in the news industry. Cotta, who is currently the News Director for KJEO-TV 47 in Fresno, is retiring this week after 26 years of service in the broadcast business.

Starting out in 1973 with KSLY (of San Luis Obispo) and KTIP/K100 (of Porterville), Cotta got his early career start working on radio sales, news reporting, and announcing/production. He then spent 3 years as Assistant Program Director for KSLY, before moving into television. From 1978-1980, Cotta worked as a reporter and news sports anchor for KSBY (of San Luis Obispo). In 1980, Cotta moved to Fresno's KJEO, channel 47 and a CBS affiliate, where he worked as a television reporter. By 1981 he had already moved up to be the Sports Director for KJEO, where he served until 1992. From 1992 to 1993, Cotta served as Executive Managing Editor for KJEO. Because of his strong work ethic, attention to detail and ability to know a good news story, it wasn't long before the station promoted Cotta once again, this time to Assistant News Direc-

tor, where he served until 1995. From 1995 to present, Cotta has served as News Director for KJEO in Fresno.

Cotta is a great news director. He's always on the hunt for the next story. He keeps a Rolodex a mile long with contacts throughout the Central Valley and indeed throughout California.

Among his accomplishments Cotta won the Edward R. Murrow Award in 1998 for the western region. He has had three Emmy-nominated newscasts: for 1996, 1997, and 1998. In addition, he had Emmy-nominated reports in 1997. Cotta started the Fresno market's only weekly half-hour sports show. He has also developed the first live aerial news gathering capabilities in the market, the first digital satellite news gathering in the market, and the first two and half AM show newscasts in the market.

Cotta has produced a variety of T.V. specials and programs, as well as spearheading coverage of several major sporting and news events. Cotta has covered Super Bowls, the World Series, Major League All-Star games, the NIT Championship of 1983, the College World Series, and the 1989 San Francisco earthquake.

While Cotta leaves channel 47, KJEO he remains an outstanding source of news and information and leaves behind a 26 year legacy of dedication to his profession and his community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Marc Cotta for his tremendous contributions to his community and to the news and broadcast business. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Cotta many more years of continued success.

#### IN HONOR OF LTC STEVE H. INADA

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a man who has dedicated his life to serving in the U.S. Army and has pursued all of his military endeavors with the highest degree of bravery and courageousness. Lieutenant Colonel Steve Inada will be retiring from active duty on June 1, 2000, after over twenty years of service to his country.

Born in Marina, California, Steve enlisted in the Army through the University of California at Berkeley ROTC program in April 1978. Throughout his military career, LTC Inada's valiant service has resulted in, among other things, his receipt of various personal awards including: an Army Service Ribbon; a National Defense Ribbon; an Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon; an Army Achievement Medal; a Joint Service Achievement Medal; an Army Commendation Medal; a Joint Commendation Medal; three Meritorious Service Medals; a Joint Meritorious Service Medal; and he will soon receive a Retirement Medal. A life of dedication to his country has also earned Steve a Joint Meritorious Unit Award, an Airborne Badge, a Joint Staff Badge and an Office of Secretary of Defense Badge. We

should all aspire to lead a life of public service similar to that of LTC Inada who has time and time again placed his country before himself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the many contributions which LTC Inada has made as a member of the U.S. Army. At each assignment, he has functioned as an invaluable asset to his division. Although well deserved, LTC Inada's retirement is a loss for the U.S. Army. I wish Steve many years of happiness as he enjoys his golden years.

#### "MR. BASEBALL", A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HARRY WIGGINS OF MISSOURI

### HON. PAT DANNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, as famed baseball legend George Herman "Babe" Ruth once said, "Baseball was, is and always will be to me the best game in the world." Well Mr. Speaker, for more than 30 years, America's favorite pastime has, indeed, been the best game in the world to my former colleague and longtime friend, Missouri State Senator HARRY WIGGINS. Today I honor him for being named "Mr. Baseball" by the Kansas City Royals.

As most fans of the Kansas City Royals are aware, Senator Wiggins has been a lifelong sports enthusiast who has never hesitated in proclaiming the Royals as "The greatest organization in baseball." Since becoming a state senator in 1974, Harry has used his position as a dedicated public servant to rally behind the needs of the franchise while advancing the Royals' image as a team which thrives on the spirit and dedication of its fans.

As a young boy growing up in Kansas City, Harry dreamed of playing third base for the Kansas City Blues, a Triple A Farm Team whose glory days have long since ended. Although Harry would never join the ranks of baseball greats such as Joe Dimaggio, Mickey Mantle and Johnnie Mize on the baseball diamond, his love of the game and passion for baseball in Kansas City has never diminished. Decades later, and now as a seasoned statesman and respected politician, Harry is still the first fan to arrive at Kauffman Stadium and the last to leave—his busy Senate schedule permitting, of course.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the House of Representatives for allowing me to congratulate Senator Harry Wiggins for his many years of support for the Kansas City Royals. His love of the game of baseball, commitment to the team and unwavering advocacy on behalf of all Royals' fans continue to show that he is truly deserving of the title, "Mr. Baseball".